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**Subject:** Re: Input into the selection process for the position of Chief of Police

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Good Morning,

You will shortly begin the process of selecting a new chief of police. As a downtown resident who serves on the Central District Community Policing Advisory Board, as well as a long-time board member of the downtown Capitol Neighborhoods Inc. residents' association, I would like input into that process - - both in the selection of criteria governing the selection and in the weight given the various elements of that criteria. Retired MPD Captain Joe Balles, who leads the CPAB, suggested I approach you.

One assumes that you will be discussing whether to accept applications from all candidates regardless of geographical location, as you did in the selection of Chief Barnes or to limit the pool to current serving members of the MPD.

I would like to speak to that question. I believe that Chief Barnes's focus on career advancement detrimentally affected his performance as Madison Police Chief in terms of policing effectiveness and the open communication of his objectives, specifically in relation to Downtown. I would appreciate the opportunity to elaborate on my opinion in person (about that and other policing matters.)

I look forward to your earliest reply.

Sincerely,  
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